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SUBJECT: SYRIAN/LEBANESE BORDER RESTRICTIONS

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1. EMBASSY BEIRUT APPRECIATES HELPFUL INFORMATION PROVIDED REFTELS. IN ORDER FOR US TO MAKE PLANS FOR MOVEMENTS OF POUCHES AND POSSIBLY PEOPLE, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFO DAMASCUS COULD PROVIDE IN RESPONSE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

2. PARA 2, REFTEL B INDICATES THERE SHOULD BE NO BORDER-CROSSING PROBLEMS AFFECTING TRAVEL OF USG PERSONNEL FROM SYRIA TO LEBANON. COULD ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE WITH SYRIAN AUTHORITIES SO THAT USG PERSONNEL COULD CROSS BORDER FROM LEBANON TO SYRIA WITHOUT GETTING PERMISSION IN ZAHLE?

3. DOES DAMASCUS HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS ABOUT GETTING UNCLASSIFIED POUCHES IN AND OUT? IF WE PROVIDED BEIRUT EXPRESS DRIVER WITH APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION, COULD ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR HIM TO BRING POUCHES
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DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY DAMASCUS AND RETURN WITH

POUCHES FOR US? (PARA 7, REFTTEL B SUGGESTS THIS MIGHT
BE POSSIBLE.) ALTERNATIVELY, COULD AN EXCHANGE OF
POUCHES AT THE BORDER BE WORKED OUT? WE WOULD
WELCOME ANY IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE.
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